

**South Carolina  
House of Representatives**



**Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the  
Judicial Selection and Retention Process in South Carolina**

1. How can the General Assembly improve the constitutionally required process?
2. What can the General Assembly do to enhance the practice of being a judge and to enhance the public's confidence in judges?
3. As the committee examines the judicial system, pay special attention to the magistrate system in South Carolina.

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**Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 110 - Blatt Building**

The meeting will stream online and be archived. A link to the stream can be accessed at <https://scstatehouse.gov/>. Additionally, individuals may submit written testimony to HJudComm@schouse.gov.

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome
- II. Discussion of ad hoc committee administrative matters
- III. \*Solicitor Kevin Brackett, 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office York and Union Counties
- IV. \*Solicitor David Pascoe, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office Orangeburg, Calhoun, and Dorchester Counties
- V. John S. Nichols, former Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Supreme Court of South Carolina
- VI. J. Hugh Ryan III, Executive Director South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense
- VII. Alexandra "Ally" Benevento, South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- VIII. Jack Swerling, South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- IX. State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel
- X. Sheriff Leon Lott, Richland County
- XI. Sheriff Max Dorsey, Chester County
- XII. Adjournment

*\*Testimony provided at November 14, 2023, ad hoc committee meeting*